

County Description

Geographic

- Clay County is located on the Cumberland River. This river flows into Dale Hollow Lake.
- Clay County borders the Kentucky line and is surrounded by Pickett, Macon, Jackson, and Overton counties in Tennessee.
- This is a rural county known for its rolling hills and valleys.
- The average temperature in January is 35.9 degrees and the average for July is 77.6 degrees with annual average precipitation being 53.69 inches.
- Clay County is located 97 miles from Nashville, 20 miles from Livingston, 40 miles from Cookeville and 20 miles from Burksville, Kentucky.

Land Area

- Clay County is located 40 miles from Interstate-40 and is accessible to state highways 52 and 53.
- Clay County encompasses some 233 square miles.
- Clay County has an elevation of 562 feet.

Economic Base

- The county's median family personal income is \$21,228.
- The county's median household personal income is \$17,799.
- Clay County's per capita personal income is \$8,753.
- Clay County's civilian labor force for 1999 is 2,750.
- The unemployment rate for Clay County is 10.5 percent.
- The individual poverty rate for Clay County is 23.0 percent.
- The family poverty rate for Clay County is 18.8 percent.
- The top industry employers for Clay County include Crotty, Inc., Hevi-Duty Electric, OshKosh B'Gosh, Inc., and Raco Inc.

Demographics

- Clay County's education system consists of two elementary schools, one middle/high school and one K-12 school.
- Tri-County Vocational Tech, located in Red Boiling Springs serves Clay County residents.
- The number of TennCare enrollees for Clay County as of May 6, 1999 was 3,110.
- The 1998 population estimate for Clay County was 7,255 with the projected population for the year 2000 being 7,624.
- The median age for a Clay County resident is 37.1 years of age.